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In Re Application of:

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TRANSMITTAL OF APPEAL BRIEF

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1. Transmitted herewith in triplicate is the APPEAL BRIEF in this application with respect to the Notice of Appeal filed on **February 10, 2003**.

2. STATUS OF APPLICANT

- ☐ Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27 .
- ☐ Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.27 as:
- ☐ an Independent Inventor
- ☐ a Small Business Concern
- ☐ a Nonprofit Organization.

3. EXTENSION OF TERM

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136 apply.

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- ☒ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 (fees: 37 CFR § 1.17(a)-(d)) for the total number of months checked below:

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME	\$55	\$	\$110	\$110.00
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPEAL BRIEF	\$160	\$	\$320	\$320.00
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4. FEE PAYMENT

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$430.00 is attached. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3050.
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5. FEE DEFICIENCY

- ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, this is a request therefor and to charge Deposit Account No. 23-3050.
- ☒ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 23-3050.

6. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby requested to grant an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, should one be necessary, in connection with this filing or any future filing submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application during the pendency of this application. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any fees related to any such extension of time to deposit account 23-3050. This sheet is provided in duplicate.

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